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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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This is a railroad-era community that shows a pronounced outside influence in its architecture. Attention is immediately drawn to the old Keys property along Brookeville Rd. Here is a turn of the century, stone house together with a most interesting, small frame barn and other outbuildings. The barn has several cupolas and features arched window heads.

Perched atop a landscaped hill at 9308 Warren Street is an Italianate villa that faces south. This flat-roofed, three-bay structure is joined on the east by a two and a half story tower with a hip roof. A tall, external chimney with several projecting courses leans against the west side of the tower. A bracketed cornice runs along the eaves of the main house, as well as along the tower. The entire structure is now covered with asbestos shingles. (owner-George W. Eiken.)

An interesting mixture of Victorian buildings sits along a dirt lane called Salisbury Road. Here in one short block are representatives of the Stick-style, Colonial Revival, vernacular farmhouse and a house with a mansard roof.

Other houses occur along Montgomery St., Linden Lane, and Seminary Road.

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#### THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this amendment is to designate two historic districts and two individual sites on the <u>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</u>, thereby extending to them the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

#### HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Site # Name

Location

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Linden Historic District See Figures 1A/1B for District Boundaries

#### I. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Linden, the earliest railroad suburb in Montgomery County, was platted in 1873, the same year the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was completed. Linden was also the earliest suburban subdivision recorded in county land records, preceding the next earliest subdivision, Takoma Park, by ten years. The only other planned suburban community as old as Linden is Washington Grove. The latter was originally conceived solely as a religious summer resort, while Linden served as a year-round suburb to Washington from its conception.

Linden was surveyed and platted in 1873 by William Grady, County Surveyor for Montgomery County, "at the request of I. Dille." Dille, who died about 1874, was a judge about whom little is known. The original plan identified 17 potential building sites and approximately 20 lots. The subdivision was located on approximately twelve acres of the 185-acre farm belonging to Charles M. Keys, who sold off the lots to prospective homeowners. Keys was also the founder of a Washington coal and wood company which became known as E. C. Keys and Sons.

By 1889, a number of "beautiful homes" had been already been constructed by "well known Washingtonians," according to the Washington Star. The article predicted, "Linden is daily growing in the popular esteem and will soon be quite a populous place." By the turn of the century, there were about a dozen residences in Linden.

According to oral history sources, Salisbury Road was originally a walkway known as Maple Drive. The houses faced the walkway with vehicular access from Linden Lane and Montgomery Street. This arrangement is also found in Washington Grove.

The Linden Historic District is characterized by late-19th century and early-20th century frame dwellings representing Gothic Revival, Second Empire, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, and Bungalow styles of architecture. The historic houses on Salis-

bury Road are centered around a knoll which afforded early residents views of the Capitol dome. Other houses feature large porches or towers which took advantage of the view.

#### II. RESOURCES

Buildings in the historic district are categorized as to their architectural and historical significance so that future changes can be evaluated in this context:

- A. Outstanding Resources should be given the highest level of scrutiny in reviewing proposed alterations:
- 1. 9310 Brookeville Road, George M. and Mary F. Wolfe House
  This Queen Anne-style residence features a square turret
  marking the front entrance, fishscale shingles, and a partially
  covered wrap-around porch. Remarkably, the house has remained in
  the same family since it was constructed in 1897 by George M. and
  Mary F. Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe established the Linden General Store at
  2345 Montgomery Street. He later moved his business to the
  Forest Glen General Store and, in 1912, formed the Forest Glen
  Trading Company with John A. I. Cassedy, Headmaster of the National Park Seminary.
- 2. 2303 Linden Lane, William P. Simpson House
  Built by William Simpson c.1890-93, this spacious Queen
  Anne-style residence is situated on a large, wooded lot. The
  house is characterized by a picturesque roofline, decorative
  eaves brackets, paired windows with Queen Anne sash, doublegrooved horizontal siding, and wrap-around porch. After the
  Simpsons sold the house for \$4,000 in 1893, it changed owners
  again in 1920 before being purchased by the present owners.
- 3. 2115 Salisbury Road, George L. and Margaret Fox House
  This large Colonial Revival-style dwelling, built about
  1902, replaced an earlier house destroyed by fire the same year.
  Strict bilateral symmetry of the front facade is relieved by a
  wrap-around porch anchored with a pediment over the central
  entrance. Paired windows on first and second stories are characterized by a diamond motif in the upper sash, a pattern echoed in
  both the dormer windows and the oculus above the front entry.
- 4. 2200 Salisbury Road, Curtis W. and Elizabeth Holcomb House
  Built c.1887, this Second Empire-style residence features a
  mansard roof, bracketed cornice, and screened, wraparound porch.
  An earlier Holcomb house, which was located across the street
  (site of #2115), was destroyed by fire in 1902.
- One of the earliest residences in the district, the house was probably built after Baxter bought the property in 1873.

  Major Oscar C. and Abbie G. Fox paid \$1300 for it in 1881. They must have made substantial improvements to the house in the next

few years to be able to sell it to Eugene A. Van Vleck for \$2500 in 1886. The Gothic Revival-style house, with its original two-over-two sash windows, is adorned with simple bargeboard, finials, and front porch with segmentally-arched spandrels surmounting turned posts.

# 6. 2209 Salisbury Road, Myrick H. & Lucy Salisbury Doolittle House

Originally a small, four-room cottage, Doolittle purchased the house for \$1000 in 1881. He constructed a rear kitchen and an addition on the front of the house giving it its present appearance, which is a near mirror image of its neighbor, 2201 Salisbury Road. The front gable of this Stick-Style house features a king's post truss. The name Salisbury Road was taken from Lucy Doolittle's maiden name.

- B. Contributing Resources should be given a moderate level of scrutiny in reviewing proposed alterations:
- 1. 2309 Linden Lane, Sarah A. Barber House
  A Vernacular Gothic-style house built in the late-19th century, the residence features a characteristic center gable, standing-seam metal roof and German siding.
- 2. <u>2215 Salisbury Road</u>
  Early 20th-century Bungalow-style dwelling, recently expanded with a second-story addition and wing.
- 3. <u>9315 Warren Street</u>
  An early 20th-century Arts and Crafts-style residence with primary elevations facing Warren Street and Salisbury Road.
- 4. <u>9321 Warren Street</u>

  Built in the early-20th century, this transitional-style dwelling exhibits the architectural influences of both the Queen Anne style, with its picturesque roofline and pair of two-story polygonal bays, and the Bungalow style, exhibited in the partial-
- 5. <u>9402 Warren Street, Joseph B. and Mary Edna Chapin House</u>
  This late Bungalow-style residence, probably built in 1923, has its foundation, porch-post piers, and enclosed patio constructed of brick.

width porch sheltered beneath the main roof.

6. 9403 Warren Street, Charles E. and Mary D. Hood House
Built by the Hoods c.1920, this Bungalow-style frame dwelling features a large dormer with windows and entrance opening
onto a balcony.

C. Non-Contributing Resources - should be given the most lenient level of scrutiny in reviewing proposed alterations and may be considered for demolition if requested by owner.

The first four of the following structures are all post-World War II, Ranch-style houses:

- 1. 2106 Salisbury Road
- 2. 2108 Salisbury Road
- 3. 2109 Salisbury Road
- 4. 2110 Salisbury Road
- 5. 2210 Linden Lane house under construction

#### Site # Name

#### Location

31/8 Forest Glen Historic District

See Figures 2A/2B for District Boundaries

### I. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

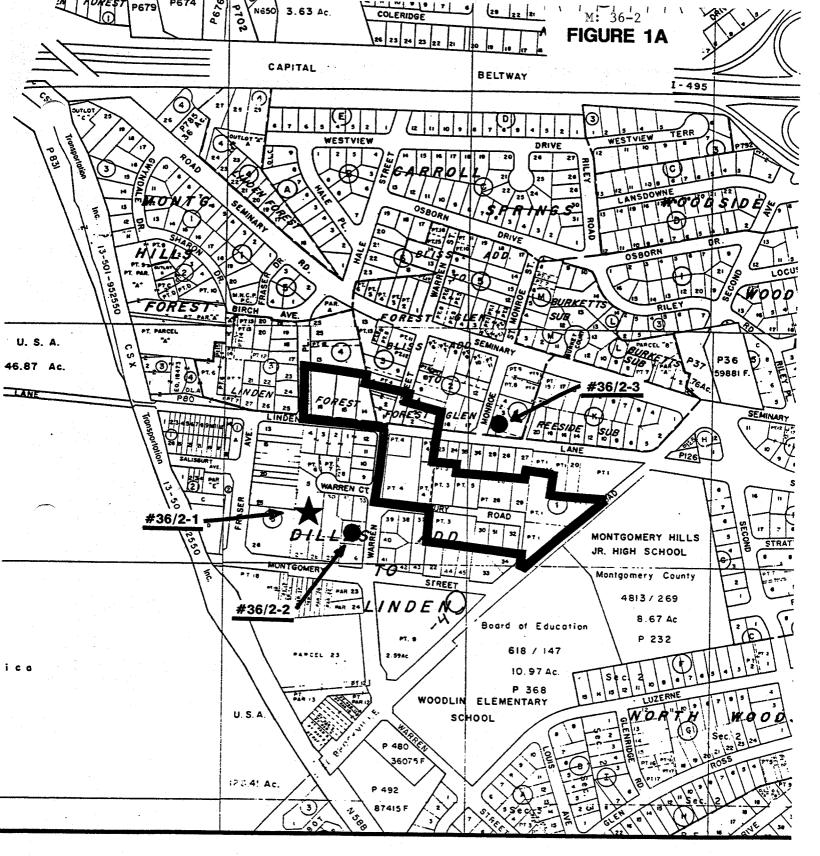
Forest Glen was among Montgomery County's earliest subdivisions along the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. The original plat of 1887, by the Forest Glen Investment Company, covered 166 acres.

The picturesque setting had previously been chosen by members of the Carroll family who had their homestead here: Daniel Carroll II, who was a member of the Second Continental Congress, and his brother, John Carroll, first Catholic bishop of the United States. The attractiveness of the site was described in an 1889 article in the Washington Star:

"The rolling character of the surface of this subdivision settles easy that great sanitary problem with which so many country places have to wrestle, and at the same time it creates eligible building sites. The old Carroll Chapel, where the proud Carrolls of Carrollton worshiped as long ago as 1690, is on the property and is a source from whence much that is interesting may be drawn."

In the late 18th century, John Carroll established the first Catholic church in the United States in Forest Glen. A replica of this chapel is located in the historic district on the site of the original.

The community grew dramatically in the 19th century. Within six years of the opening of the B&O's Metropolitan Branch, a railroad stop named Forest Glen Station was established. The Forest Glen Post Office opened in 1883. Much of the emphasis of



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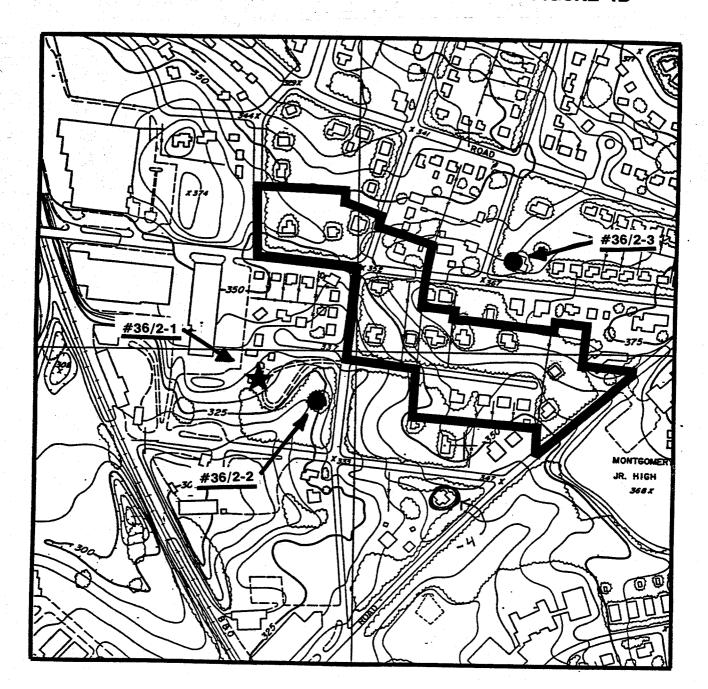
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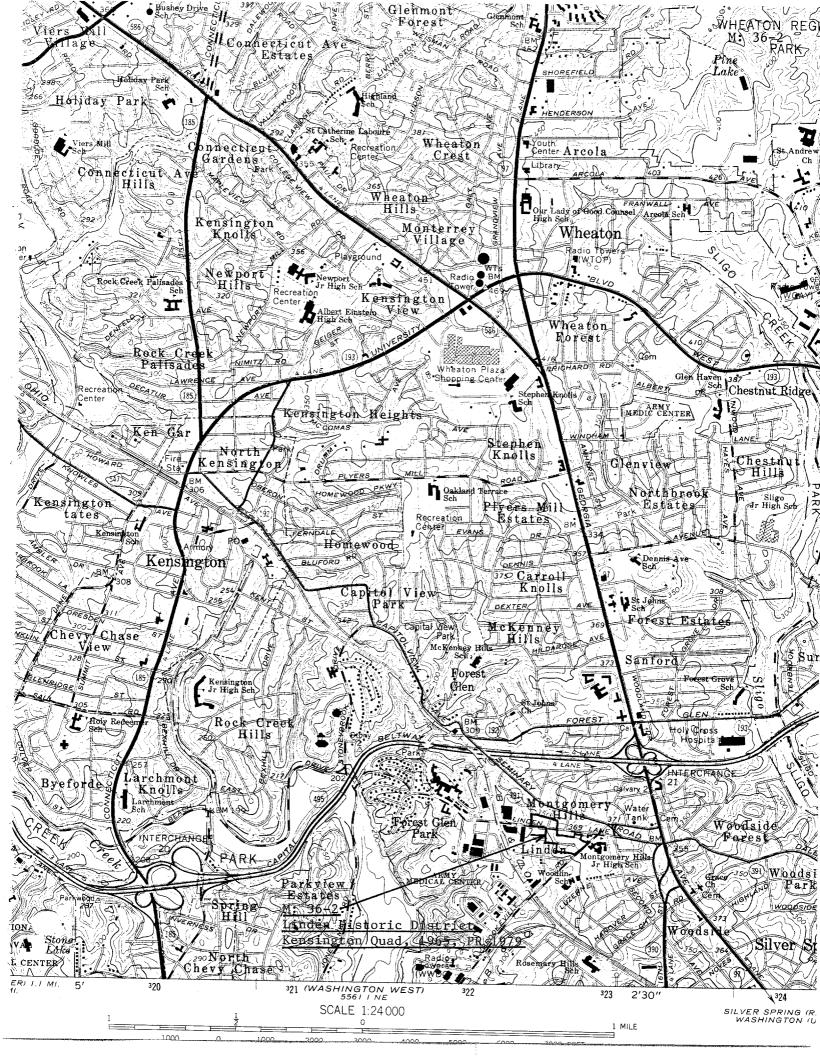
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